Appointment to the post of Chair-man-cum-Managingf Director in the South Eastern Coalfield Limited

321. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1949 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the same officer against whom criminal cases of grave nature were pending has ultimately been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the South Eastern Coalfields Limited; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER, OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b). Shri G. C. Mrig was appointed Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the South Eastern Coalfields Limited with effect from 11-8-1989 only after he was totally cleared from vigilance angle by all the concerned sources.

Naphtha Cracker Unit in Tamil Nadu

322. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Central Govern ment have received any proposal to set up a 100 per cent export oriented Naphtha Cracker plant at Manali in Tamilnadu at a cost of Rs. 1800 crores;

(b) whether the State Government of Tamilnadu has requested for clearance of the project; and

(c) what steps are being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c). A letter of intent for a 100 per cent export oriented Naphtha Cracker at Madras in Tamilnadu has been issued on 19th March, 1989.

Bakreswar Power Plant, West Bengal

323. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's latest views on the Bakreswar power Plant in West Bengal;

(b) whether any line of credit has been finalised; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the negotiations, if any, in progress?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The Bakreswar Thermal Project of 630 MW (31x210 MW) in West Bengal is being implemented in the State Sector. In view of the paucity of resources the West Bengal Government have sought permission to avail of Soviet Credit for this project. The Government of India have decided 'in principle' to pass on the Soviet assistance available under the agreement between the Government of India and USSR on economic and technical cooperation dated the 24th November, 1987 for the implementation of the Bakreswar Thermal Power Project. A Task Force has been set upl on the 4th April, 1990 to formulate a clearer project definition to determine the equantum of credit, which would need to be got agreed ^y the Government of USSR. The modalities of passing on the credit for the project are yet to evolved in consultation with the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance.

Nursing Home facilities in the Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi

324. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAK-RAVARTY- Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for the allotment of rooms in the nursing